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Mr. ABDUL RAZACK SAHIB :—“ May I know when the nominations were made ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I cannot give the date, Sir.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ May I know whether all the members of the deputation were nominated members ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ No, Sir.”

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—“ May I know on whose information were the first nominations to the Board made ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ That was made at such a distance of time that I have almost forgotten the names of those that visited me at the time.”

Rao Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—“ May I know whether any hon. Member of this House visited the hon. Minister at that time with regard to the nominations ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I remember, the hon. Member for Kistna did visit me.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know whether all these 18 men were men previously elected and had some grievance ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ How many of them were actually elected is contained in the answer already given.”

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ In matters of nomination, is it not the practice to consult the presidents of the district boards and take into consideration the recommendations made by them ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ Yes, that is so.”

Trifurcation of the Rajahmundry Taluk Board.

* 857 Q.—Mr. B. VENKATARATNAM : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Taluk Board, Rajahmundry, in the East Godavari district, has asked for the trifurcation of the Board into three taluk boards, one for each revenue taluk ;

(b) whether the resolution of the Board is unanimous ;

(c) what are the views of the District Board on the subject ;

(d) whether the Government called for budget estimates for the three taluk boards ;

(e) if so, whether they have been received ;

(f) if they have been received, what is the estimated income and expenditure for the three taluk boards ;

(g) whether the presidents of the taluk and district boards recommended the trifurcation ;

(h) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table a list of taluk boards in the Presidency whose income by local cess is Rs. 25,000 and less ;

(i) whether the Government have ordered the trifurcation ; and

(j) if not, why not ?

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- A.—(a) & (b) Yes. The resolution of the Taluk Board was passed on 10th January 1927.
- (c) The District Board passed a resolution on 19th February 1927, in favour of the division.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) & (f) The budgets have not yet been received.
- (g) The President, District Board, has reported in favour of the division. The Government have not received the individual opinion of the President, Taluk Board, Rajahmundry.
- (h) A list^a based on the accounts for 1925–26 (the latest year for which complete accounts have been received) is appended.
- (i) & (j) No. The budgets of the new Taluk Boards called for are awaited.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—“Can I take it that the Government will pass orders after the receipt of the budgets?”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“No, Sir.”

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—“May I know whether the Government have ordered the trifurcation? In answer to clauses (i) and (j) they say ‘no.’ If so, why do they say ‘the budgets of the new taluk boards called for are awaited.’ May I know whether a decision has not been arrived at?”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“The whole question will be taken into consideration by the Government, when the budgets are received.”

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—“May I know the reason why they should necessarily wait till the Government receive the budget? Sir, there is no answer to my question why a decision has not been arrived at.”

Municipalities

Building contract for the office of the Saidapet Municipality.

*858 Q.—**Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR**: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Saidapet Municipality has sanctioned a new building for its office;
- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative what is the estimated cost of the building;
- (c) whether the building is in the course of construction;
- (d) whether the contract for the building has been entered in the name of one Mr. Kolandavelu Mudaliyar;
- (e) whether the said Kolandavelu Mudaliyar is the brother-in-law of Rathnavelu Mudaliyar who is the chairman-delegate of the municipality;
- (f) whether the municipal authorities have ascertained whether the said Kolandavelu Mudaliyar has any previous experience in building work;
- (g) whether tenders have been called for the building and if so, what was the lowest tender, and by whom it was made;
- (h) whether the Government is aware of the public feeling in the municipality that the foundation was not properly laid and that inferior materials are being used in the construction of the building; and

^a Printed as Appendix X on page 516 infra.